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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] System (U)

1. (S) The [REDACTED] System provides a single channel for requests for support from the Central Intelligence Agency to the Department of Defense. The system protects extremely sensitive information from both inadvertent and deliberate disclosure, allows for covert support to Agency operations worldwide, and insures adequate Service review of the requests.
2. (S) Recently, a number of requests involving transfer of high technology weapons, large quantities of limited, sophisticated missiles, and/or spares for low density weapons have bypassed the [REDACTED] System. These requests have been made by members of the Office of the Secretary of Defense directly to Service officials. [REDACTED] has either not participated or has done so after the fact.
3. (S) Requests which bypass the [REDACTED] System receive less Service and no Joint Staff scrutiny, yet may impact on the Service's warfighting capabilities. The Secretary of Defense should be made aware that using ad hoc channels to support the CIA may degrade security overall and impair national security.

cc: [REDACTED]

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